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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES TO PROSPECTIVE PRIMIN FUKUDA

1. BARRING AN UNFORESEEABLE OCCURRENCE, FORMER DEPUTY PRIMIN TAKEO FUKUDA WILL BE ELECTED BY THE DIET ON DECEMBER 24 TO SUCCEED TAKEO MIKI AS PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN. HIS ELECTION, ALONG WITH HIS NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS, WILL BE ATTESTED BY THE EMPEROR ON EITHER DECEMBER 25 OR 26. WE ASSUME THAT BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WILL WISH TO SEND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO FUKUDA AND OFFER THE FOLLOWING FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN PREPARING RECOMMENDED DRAFTS.

2. FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

HIS EXCELLENCY

TAKEO FUKUDA

PRIME MINISTER

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

"PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER. I HAVE ENJOYED OUR ASSOCIATION OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, BEGINNING WITH MY VISIT TO JAPAN IN 1974 AND EXTENDING THROUGH THEIR

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MAJESTIES VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1975.

I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS YOU HAVE MADE TO THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WHICH, I AM CERTAIN, WILL ENDURE UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCEREST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FOR YOU AND THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

SIGNED,

GERALD R. FORD"

3. FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER:

HIS EXCELLENCY
TAKEO FUKUDA
PRIME MINISTER

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

"PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
ELECTION AS PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN. I AM WELL AWARE OF
YOUR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS
WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND ANTICIPATE
WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU TO MEET THE COMMON CHALLENGES
THAT FACE OUR TWO NATIONS.

I REMEMBER WELL OUR LAST MEETING IN TOKYO IN 1975
AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP SOON.

MRS. CARTER JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND
MRS. FUKUDA OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL
NEW YEAR FOR YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN.

SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER"

4. MESSAGES SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL FUKUDA ELECTION
BY DIET CONFIRMED.

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